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IN regard that wee began our voyage somewhat too late in the yeare, it fell out to be so much the longer, (as I wrote vnto your worships in Ianuary last, from the Iland *Mauritio*, by the Admirall *Steuen vander Haghen*:) from whence we departed the 27. of Ianuary, and fearing the passage of those shallow places, wee caused our Pinnasses or small boates to sayle before, and in the night time to hang out Lanthornes, by which meanes wee got ouer the flats of *Nazare*, ouer the North point called *Haya de Milsa*, and *Perodes Banhos*, and made toward *Chagres*, but could not get thether by the North; and therefore tooke our course Southerly, and found no ground: from thence wee past betweene *Pulo Maluco*, and the *Maldiues*, but saw no land vntill the two and twenty of March, yet wee

espied the Iland of *Sumatra*, which is the point of *Achin*, but could not reach it.

The 28. of Ianuary wee drew neere to the *Nicobares*, where wee tooke in fresh water, and got some *Coques* Nuttes, and a few Hennes, in which place the inhabitants goe altogether naked: there I thought to haue gotten some Amber, which if I had stayed there, I might haue got for fiue blankes. There our men went on shoare, and hauing mustered, prepared some instruments of wood which I as then wanted.

At which time our souldiers and Sailers, desiring to know to what parts they were bound (for that as then they began to murmure amongst them-selues, saying, that they were not hyred to fight on land (and some of the chiefest Sailers stoutly maintained it.) I shewed them that the states commissaries Commission giuen vnto me, was to besiege and win the towne of *Malacca*, setting before their eyes what honor and great profit they were to expect from thence, together with the small perill which they had to incurre: saying, that I would send them to no other place, but where I would hazard mine owne life with them, promising them that if they chanced to winne the towne by force of assault, they should haue the ransacking thereof, and if that they got it by treatie and composition, they should likewise haue that they found therein, reseruing some part thereof to fortifie the towne withall, wherewith they were much incouraged, and resolutely with one voyce, cryed out and sayd, that they were fully resolued to win the towne,

and with that resolution wee sayled through the Straights: and vpon the last of Aprill, arriued within halfe a mile of *Malacca*, with the losse of two men onely, that dyed by the way.

And being come before *Malacca*, I commanded that foure ships that lay in the road, (whereof one was laden for *China*,) should bee set on fire, but my commission being not obserued, my men giuing themselues to drinking, they let them make away, where they had three men slaine, and fifteene wounded: but I willed them onely to burne them, and not to ransake them.

The next day after we consulted about our landing (for that order had beene taken long before how wee should land, and what euery man should doe) some were of opinion to land presently, others said that it was not expedient for vs to land so hastily in a strange countrey, not knowing the enemies forces, and that it was best for vs to stay the comming of the King of *Ihor* that was looked for within eight or ten dayes, for wee perceiued a wood neere vnto the shore, much to the enemies aduantage to play vpon vs from thence, we not being able to pursue them, and therefore alledged that they thought it not good to put the whole Fleete in danger, before the comming of the King of *Ihor*: who being arriued with two or three thousand men, they sayd wee might land boldly, and put our enemy in great feare: this was the iudgment of the greater part of vs, which did preuaile, though I my selfe liked better of our present landing.

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The eight of May we landed with the King of *Ihor*, (who had about three thousand men with him,) and in our landing lost not one man; for the *Portugales* being two or three hundred, that stood ready on the shore to resist vs, suddenly retired into the suburbes of the towne, where they defended themselues till mid night, and then setting them on fire, and breaking the bridge, ranne into the towne. In my aduise sent vnto the Commissaries, I haue declared what I haue done before *Malacca*, vntill the eight of August, and what small ayde and assistance we haue receiued from the *Ihorites*, with the disorder and mutiny of our people, the strength of the towne, their sallies out against vs, and how they haue with credit beene driuen back againe by vs, &c.

At such time as we intended to remooue our siege, in regarde that the Portingales *Armado* as then laye hard by *Capo Rachado*, which is about twelue miles from *Malacca*: they of *Malacca* thought verily eyther to spoile vs, or to hinder our pretence (they of *Makleye* being all gone aboorde, except a hundred and twenty, or a hunderd and thirty men,) and issuing out of the towne with all the men they could make, set vpon vs, but we couragiously draue them back againe, with the losse of fifty of their men, and but one man of ours hurt.

This done, for the space of two nights I was much troubled about shipping of our Ordnance, in regarde that the streame was not swift, whereby the water could not get to the shore, & the ground very muddy,

so that I could hardly get our Canon aboord, but God prouided so well for vs, that vpon the 16. day we all got aboord, and left not any thing on the shoare, hauing about three hundred hurt and sicke men amongst vs. Notwithstanding the 17. of August we set forward to encounter our enimy, whose Fleete was 14. Galions, 4. Galleys, and 15. or 16. Fustes or Frigates, and two or three Galions, came two or three dayes after vnto their Fleete: that euening we shotte against them, and chased them, but in the night they put on more sailes, and wee following after them all the next day, holding our course Northerly. The next night following I layd mee downe to sleepe, for I had taken no rest in three dayes and three nights before, beeing much busied about our Ordinance; In the meane time *Dyrick Mol* maister of my ship came vnto me, shewing me that the enemy out-sailed vs, asking me whether wee should put on any more sailes, I answered, yea; and willed him at any hand to keepe them still in sight. Not long after that he came againe, and tolde mee that the enemy had cast Anchor, whervpon I charged him to Anchor also, and to keepe aboue the winde: The rest of our ships anchred loofeward, a Canon shot wide from the enemy. In the morning before the breake of day, I caused a peece to bee shotte off, to warne to set saile, for as then the enemy had gotten some-what more, and had the loofe of vs: and at the same time also shotte off a warning peece vnto his shippe. Our shippe called the *Nassau*, was long winding vp of her Anchor; and before I could

make signes vnto her to cut the cable, a *Portugall* ship aborded her, which I perceiuing, wound my shippe about to ayde her, but the Sea was so calme, that I could not reache her, but by force borded *Simon Man*, and could by no meanes get from him. The Admirall *Alioza de Carnailla*, seeing vs fast together, boorded *Symon Man*, and *Henrico de Loroinge* boorded mee, (these two were the greatest Gallions the enemy had): after that came *Duarte de Guerra*, and fell also vpon mee, where-with wee gaue fire on all sides, at which encounter most part of *Duarte de Guerras* men were kild, and hee himselfe also: *Alioza de Carnailla* forsooke his ship, and was likewise slaine: *Don Henrico* receiued more then a hundred shottes thorough his ship.

Afterwards *Claes Gherritsz* Maister of the *Mauritius*, fell vpon *Duarte de Guerra*, and set her on fire, whereby our blind also was set on fire: the other *Portugall* ships would haue set vpon vs, but durst not for the fire, meane time I cast out an Anchor which was cut off by my men, but they sayd that it was done by the fire. The *Mauritius* loosed himselfe, & *Simon Man* of *Middleborough* draue from vs, with *Duarte de Guerra*, and *Alioza de Carnailla*, but the people for the most part were all slaine, I hauing cast out another Anchor, called vnto them to cast one of their Cables vnto vs to stay them, but the noyse was so great that they heard vs not, so that they burnt all together. *Simon Man* saued the most part of his men, except eighteene that were hurt, and some that were taken

prisoners, that were afterwards released by my meanes. I was still fast grapled to *Henrico*, to whom I promisd his life if hee would yeeld, (for hee could not defend himselfe, which hee promised to doe, many of his men being very desirous to come ouer into our ship, but I refused them (yet twelue of them came aboord) fearing that my men would fall to the spoile, for they had twise more men then wee, and our anchor would not hold, and still the enemyes fleete approached, wee beeing very weary, my Maister and my Captaine beeing slaine, and the chiefe Marchant hurt, whereof not long after hee dyed, and I was forced to bee present at euery conflict. Whervpon I commanded *Don Henrico* to cast out anchor, but hee excused himselfe, saying, that hee was not able to doe it, for which cause I sent a man to looke whether it were so or not, which gaue himselfe to the spoyle; then I sent an other that tooke the maisters Whistle from his necke, but comming back againe, sayd that the shippe was full of dead men, and that the anchors were lost, and the cables shotte in peeces, by the Canon shotte. Where-vpon I caused a Rope to bee brought out at the Sterne, to fasten it vnto vs. In the meane time our anchor tooke holde, and his ship brake from vs, and so I lost my prize: which shewes that they which make many delayes, are often disappointed, so that it seemes that marshall affaires must bee vndertaken with quick and speedy resolution. This grieued vs much, but there was no remedie: This happened about euening.

One of the enemies ships also boorded the *Nassau*, at which time also their Vice-roy fell vpon him on the other side, but could not winne him, and therefore set the Gallery, and the Sterne of her, on fire, and so shee was burnt, the Vice-roy likewise had been burnt with her if the Galleyes had not pluckt him away by force.

The most part of the *Nassaus* men were saued: *Mauritius* and the *Black Lion* thought to haue falne vpon the Viceroy; but the winde was too calme, the rest of our ships did their endeuours, but there were some faint-hearted amongst them, notwithstanding wee held out, and fought all that day, although vnfortunately with losse of two ships on either side.

The next day being the nineteene of August, all our ships being repayred, wee resolued to recouer our losses, for the which we were much grieued, but if the *Nassau* had cut her Anchors in time, wee had not boorded one the other, and it had fallen out better for vs.

The twentith of Auguſt wee fell to it againe, although I found not my men so ready and resolute as before, for those that had escaped out of the shippes that were burnt, especially they of *Middleborough*, asked mee where they should haue their moneths pay, whereynto I answered, that it was then no time to speake of such matters; and that I knew not how the Commissaries would vnderstand these things, and yet I sayd I was informed that they had behaued themselues valiantly, and that therefore it was

no reason but that they should haue their due, and that to my power I would defend and maintaine them in all iust causes. Within an houre after, the men of my ship also came vnto mee, and demanded security for their moneths pay; or else they said they would not fight: they had some fetters on, which as yet I dare not name. This made mee halfe abasht, yet I vsed all the meanes that I could possible to appease them, and at the last they seemed to bee contented.

About the euening wee approched the enemy againe, and then I first obserued what danger the words (of respectiue ships) set downe in our Articles brought vs into: for by meanes of the losse of the two shippes aforesaid, euery one drew back from ioyning with the enemy, beeing lothe to vse his hyposeke or assurance, whereby wee were not halfe so forward to set vpon our enemy as wee were at the first; for not so much as a Swabber in the shippe but hee would dispute vpon the wordes of Respectiue ships, for whereas it is sayd, that for the assurance of their pay, they shall haue the ship wherein they serued, and the goods that were in it and no more, euery one was carefull for his owne.

That day and the next wee shotte diuers times at the Viceroy, but I perceiuing that wee had not powder enough to ouer-come such an army, nor bullets to serue our turnes, though I had caused some to bee made before *Malacca*; but not sufficient, wee left off.

The ſhipps that ſtayde behinde came neere vnto the enemy, that had his rowing Pinnaſſes, wherewith hee could fetch water when hee would, and in our ſight carryed his hurt men to *Malacca*, whereupon wee called a counſell together, and reſolued to goe to *Ihor*, chiefly to releaſe our ſhips, for it ſeemed that our enemy could ſayle better then wee, as alſo to refreſh our ſicke men, to make Bullets, and to incourage the King: this wee performed at *Ihor*, which hath one of the beſt riuers of the world: there wee made Bullets, but could get but little refreſhing for money, I alſo incouraged the King of *Ihor*, counſelling him to fortifie his towne, and ſhewed him how hee ſhould doe it, which at laſt was begunne, and had ſoone beene finiſhed, if the Hollanders would haue wrought.

Wee departed thence the thirteene of October, and the twentith came before *Malacca*, and for the ſpace of ſixe dayes laye in ſight of the Towne, but could not approach neere vnto it by reaſon of the winde, ſo that the enemy placed all his ſhipps, being ſeauen Galeons and three Galleys (for the fourth was ſhotte to peeces by *Capo Rachado*) in a rowe, and all his Canon on the one ſide. Wee there-vpon taking counſell reſolued to ſet vpon the enemy, but becauſe wee had little prouiſion of pouder, and a long iourney to make home-ward, and perceiuing that wee could not ſeperate their ſhippes with ſhooting, wee agreed that three of our ſhips ſhould boord them, which I thought to haue done in the night time,

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taking with mee the *Swine*, and the *Prouince of Hessa*, but could not by reason of the streame: the morning beeing coole and cleere, and fitte to take some-thing in hand, the winde comming from the land, and wee lying Northerly from the roade, wee made saile, meaning to fall vpon their shippe that lay most Southerly and most beneath the streame, for the water began to turne, but the winde was so sharpe, that I could scant passe by the roade, so that wee approached neere to *Illa das noas*, and woond about it, but could not set vpon any of them, but vpon that which laye Northerlieste (which was the greateste Gallion next vnto the Vice-royes, and had in her nineteene Brasse peeces, and three Yron peeces, a hundred and three score *Portingales*, and as many *Moores*) I willed my maister called *Symon Lambrechtsz Man*, whom I had taken into my ship, in the steed of *Dirick Mol* that was slaine, to set vpon her. Wee were forced to passe by all the shippes of the enemy, not without some hurt vnto vs, but I shotte not at all, reseruing euery thing ready vntill our aboording, but when wee were halfe way forward amongst the enemies ships, my Maister and the Pylote counselled mee to turne out course, to whō I made answer, that I wanted no aduise nor counsaile, to delay them of till wee were aboord the Gallion, and so held on vntill we boorded her, and so let a Dragge fall, appointing ten Musquetters to keepe it, and to hinder that the enemy should not loose it, which the enemy sought to doe: I willed them also to shoote continually towards their *Merssch*, and from

our Mesch and garnates, I caused stones and fire-balles to bee cast, whereby the enimie was driuen vnder his net. And as soone as I had fastned vppon him, the *Sunne* fell on his other side, and the *Prouince* came behinde vs, and brake his Spritt against the enemies shippes, the Galion had an anchor before the flood, and a cable fastned at the Vice-royes ship, but the cable was presently cutte in peeces, as also the cable that fastened the Viceroy vnto him, and so wee draue together towards the Lee: the other *Portugales* perceiuing that, hoysed their sailes (which was that which I aymed at, to drawe them from the wall,) and made to sea-ward. Wee fell vpon the Saint *Nicholas*, and killed all the men, except eight *Portingalles*, that hidde them-selues vnder the Ballast, and so wee tooke her.

My Maister and the Pilote sayd, that it was not expedient that two of our shippes should be bound to one shippe, and that wee should leaue the *Sunne* alone with it, and fall vpon the Viceroy that drew neere vnto vs, which counsell I liked not, fearing to haue the like chance that I had with *Henrico*.

A little while after *Roobol* Maister of the great *Sunne*, called vnto mee, to pray mee to let him alone in the shippe, and that hee would carry it to the Sea, which I would not consent vnto, but perceiuing that I could not doe any thing to my minde, I leaft it: and presently the weather was very calme, the *Portingales* shippes laye loose-ward from vs, whereof one made towards the great *Sunne*, but

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hee could not, fearing to be clapt on boord by vs, we perceiuing that the calme either hindred vs to come togither, I sent a boate to *Roobol* willing him to set fire in the shippe, where-vnto hee answered that I should hold my peace, and sayd hee would not do it, in the meane time hee got him-selfe loose, by what meanes I know not, and hoysing vp his great sayle, ranne more then a myle from the Fleete not once looking backe: In the meane while two Portingale shippes boorded the Vize-admirall, against whome came *Mauritius* and the Blacke Lion, and behaued themselues so well, that the one of the enemies shippes was burnt, and the other spoyled. The *Erasmus* set vppon a portingale, but they were presently separated againe, and I sayling by him willed him to bord him againe, which he did, but they were presently seperated againe. The great calme hindred mee that I could not come neere them: after that a whirle-winde rysing, scattered the shippes; and with that *Mauritius* made towards the Portingale againe, *Erasmus* and I also running towards him, which the Portingale perceiuing, yeelded vnto vs, where wee killed foure and forty Portingales, and tooke out of her eight peeces of brasse, and so set fire on her. In the shippe which the Vize-admirall burnt there was not so much as a catte or a dogge saued: The shippe that *Roobol* did let go, was driuen by the Gallies to the shoare, and so the euening came vpon vs.

The next morning, the Vizeroys shippe lying

formoſt, I made towards him, but my Maiſter and Pilot tolde mee that I could not reach him; for which cauſe I made to the Galion Saint *Symon*, that yeelded it ſelfe vnto mee, for the men were moſt of them runne from him: the Captaine with twenty men onely remaining in her: out of her I tooke foureteene peeces, ſome fleſh, wine, and pouder, and ſo ſet it on fire.

This (thankes bee vnto GOD) was the ſucceſſe of our battaile, without any great loſſe of men, wee burnt three Gallions, wherein many Gentlemen were ſlaine, and aboue foure hundred *Portingale* ſouldiers, as I was after informed by certaine intercepted letters; wee our ſelues made our victory bloudy, for our men were ſo diuiliſhly giuen ſo ſeeke after prey and bootie, that rowing round about the Gallion that burnt, they fell to ranſacking the men that ſwum in the water, whereby the fire got into the powder, and burnt three of our boates, wherein wee loſt foure and twenty men of the *White Lyon*, eighteene of the *Black Lion*, eleuen of the *Vice-Admirall*, ſeauen of the *Prouince*, and fiue of the great *Sunne*. God forgiue them their ouer-ſight.

The eight and twentie day wee went againe towards *Malacca*, intending to burne the *Vice-roy* and the *Paule*; but as wee had concluded the euening before to performe it: the next morning the *Vice-roy* himſelfe cauſed fire to bee put into three of the Gallions, ſo great was their feare: I

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seeing that presently retired, thinking them to bee fire shippes sent for to burne vs.

After that I made agreement to release the Portingales, that were in all a hundred seauenty fiue, and as many Moores, vppon condition that the Viceroy should send mee all my Duch-men that were prisoners in *Mallacca*, and that hee had in any place within the *Indies*; and that three Captaines, *Christianus Swarez*, *Andreas Peso*, and *Ferdinando Marcado*, should pay fiue thousand Ducats for their ransome, which should bee deuided amongst our men.

Which accordingly was performed, beside a thousand Ducats which are not yet payd, for two Portingales, whereof one left his brother with me in hostage: This money I deuided amongst the Saylers, euery one hauing fiue ryals of eight, (for the Ducats make but sixe ryals) to make them the willinger to serue vppon the rest of the Armado that was gone to *Nisobaer*. The chiefe thing worthy the noting was that when I came the second time within the sight of *Mallacca*, there rose a mutinie in some of the ships saying that they would not fight, and alledging that they entred not into seruice to that end, saying that it was true that they had made me a promise to make a triall vpon *Nisobaer* but that they said was performed before *Mallacca*, and also at *Capo Rachado*, as they supposed: the most part of them yeelded to reason, but those of the Vice-Admirall said they

would giue eare to nothing, so that I was forced to vse some threatning wordes, and sayd that for all their deniall the matter should not goe as they would haue it, and so willing, nilling, they went on with the rest.

Thus I went with all the shippes to *Nisobaer*, though I intended to haue sent the *White-Lyon* and the *Vice-admirall* towards *Bantham*, there to take in their lading, and the next yeare to bee at home: but the most voyces would haue vs all to goe together to *Nisobaer*, and to trie whether wee could seperat their shippes, which wee hoped to finde all dispersed, as also to get the King of *Queda* on our side, to the end that no victuals should bee carried from thence to *Malacca*, and so wee came before *Queda*.

The nineteene of Nouember I offered my seruice vnto the King, showing him that I was come thether to helpe him for to driue the *Portingales* out of his dominions, and to chase them from his Hauen, according to his letters written vnto mee, and sent to *Batsaner*, and that I was desirous to lade a shippe there, because his name was not yet knowne in our countrey, which I sayd would tend vnto his honor and profit. The King glad to heare that, prayed mee to helpe him to take a *Pourtugale* shippe and two Fregattes that laye in the riuer: Where-vpon I presently sent three Boates that the same night set those three shippes on fire, after that the *Maleyes* had taken the goods an-



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wares out of them, for I charged my men to take nothing from thence, there I tooke a praw comming from *Malacca*, and therein some letters, containing that their *Armado* was not farre from *Paulo Bouton*, and meant to sayle to the *Indies* the fourth of December: therfore I made haste to follow them, before that the foure Fregattes with a hundred and foure and twentie men and munition of warre, should come vnto them, and ioyne with them.

The ninth of December wee gotte to *Paulo Bouton*, and saw the *Armado*, which no sooner perceiued vs, but they retyred to a place where they had streame and winde to their aduantage, and made themselues fast with foure cables before and behinde, and with a cable that reached from the one shippe to the other, and laye in such manner that wee could not come neere vnto them, vnlesse wee would winde our selues on boord of them in the night, I sent diuerse shippes vnto them, but could doe nothing. Then wee prepared a fire ship, thinking vnder the shotte of our Cannon to gette neere them, but it would not bee: they had placed all their Canon on the one side, and in the midst all along their shippes they had layd Trees and Pipes filde vp with sand, and had in-sconsed them-selues in such manner, that they could turne and winde their shippes as they would, and discharge their Cannon at their pleasures, hauing a Northerlie winde that blew strongly out of the valleys, so that wee sought to get neere vnto them.

When wee came towards the point of the land, it was there calme vnder the high land, and comming neere vnto them, the winde blew out of the Valleys, so that if wee would boord them, wee could not, vnlesse we would burne our selues with them, which they desire, (as it appeareth by the letters of the Vice-roy) for they make their reckoning that they haue wone victory enough if by burning of two of their shippes, they burne one of ours: for the King cares not for his shippes, so he may thereby finde the meanes to hinder the Hollanders from their Nauigation.

It was not good for vs to stay there any longer, for euery day wee lost our anchors, so that our resolution was to go to *Pulo Lankeui*, where they must of force stay, if they would goe for *Mallacca*, that so we might set vpon them in the maine Sea. The twentith day lying vnder *Lankeui*, sixe miles from *Poulo Bouton*, wee determined to send the white Lyon to *Queda* to see if she might get three or four hundred bales of Pepper there, because at *Dachin* shee should finde lading enough to serue her turne: But they could get nothing in *Queda*: For when they begin to gather the new Pepper, the old is gone, which is worth foure and twenty ryalls in *Cosgie*, and in *Iher*, and so went to the rest of our ships againe, lying

vse some threatning wordes, and sayd that for all their deniall the matter should not goe as they would haue it, and so willing, nilling, they went on with the rest.

Thus I went with all the shippes to *Nisobaer*, though I intended to haue sent the *White-Lyon* and the *Vice-admirall* towards *Buntham*, there to take in their lading, and the next yeare to bee at home: but the most voyces would haue vs all to goe together to *Nisobaer*, and to trie whether wee could seperat their shippes, which wee hoped to finde all dispersed, as also to get the King of *Queda* on our side, to the end that no victuals should bee carried from thence to *Malacca*, and so wee came before *Queda*.

The nineteene of Nouember I offered my seruice vnto the King, showing him that I was come thether to helpe him for to driue the *Portingales* out of his dominions, and to chase them from his Hauen, according to his letters written vnto mee, and sent to *Batsaner*, and that I was desirous to lade a shippe there, because his name was not yet knowne in our countrey, which I sayd would tend vnto his honor and profit. The King glad to heare that, prayed mee to helpe him to take a *Portingale* shippe and two Fregattes that laye in the riuer: Where-vpon I presently sent three Boates that the same night set those three shippes on fire, after that the *Maleyes* had taken the goods an



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Riuer) causeſed twenty Portugales to bee kild, thinking ſo to doe mee a great pleaſure therein, becauſe I had ſent him word that hee ſhould ſhew ſome ſignes by his actions, that I might conceiue him to be my good friend. Your Worſhippes may iudge hereby what affection hee beareth vnto the Portugales: From thence there is nothing to bee brought away but Pepper and victuals, whereby thoſe of *Mallacca* are ſuſtained: this people alwaies hold with the ſtronger part. In the deliuering of the Portingale priſoners vnto the Vice roy before *Mallacca*, I had like to haue bene betrayed, for whereas I was ſo liberal that I gaue a hundred and ſeauenty Portingales, and as many Moores, for fiue or ſixe of my men which they had (but I reſerued the Captaines and three or foure more for to get the three thouſand ducats afore-ſaid) I ſent a note by a Portingale on ſhoare, to will the Vice-roy to ſend mee my men, and I would ſend him all his ſoldiers hole and diſſeaſed, which if hee refuſed and held mee in ſuſpence, I ſaid I would caſt all the Portingales ouer-boord, he returned with a note, whereby the Vice-roy willed me to ſend him the Portingales, & ſent me a bill of all their names both ſoldiers & Captaines & all others that were in my hands, & when my meſſeger ſhewed me that the priſoners were in nothing from thence, there I made a praw comming from *Mallacca*, and therein ſome letters, containing that their *Armado* was not farre from *Paulo Bouton*, and meant to ſayle to the *Indies* the fourth of December: therfore I made haſt to follow them, before that the foure Fregattes with a hundred and foure and twentie men and munition of warre, ſhould come vnto them, and ioyne with them.

The ninth of December wee gotte to *Paulo Bouton*, and ſaw the *Armado*, which no ſooner perceiued vs, but they retyred to a place where they had ſtreame and winde to their aduantage, and made themſelues faſt with foure cables before and behinde, and with a cable that reached from the one ſhippe to the other, and laye in ſuch manner that wee could not come neere vnto them, vnleſſe wee would winde our ſelues on boord of them in the night, I ſent diuerſe ſhippes vnto them, but could doe nothing. Then wee prepared a fire ſhip, thinking vnder the ſhotte of our Cannon to gette neere them, but it would not bee: they had placed all their Canon on the one ſide, and in the midſt all along their ſhippes they had layd Trees and Pipes filde vp with ſand, and had in-ſconſed them-ſelues in ſuch manner, that they could turne and winde their ſhippes as they would, and diſcharge their Cannon at their pleaſures, hauing a Northerlie winde that blew ſtrongly out of the valleys, ſo that wee ſought to get neere vnto them.

When wee came towards the point of the land, it was there calme vnder the high land, and comming neere vnto them, the winde blew out of the Valleys, so that if wee would boord them, wee could not, vnlesse we would burne our selues with them, which they desire, (as it appeareth by the letters of the Vice-roy) for they make their reckoning that they haue wone victory enough if by burning of two of their shippes, they burne one of ours: for the King cares not for his shippes, so he may thereby finde the meanes to hinder the Hollanders from their Nauigation.

It was not good for vs to stay there any longer, for euery day wee lost our anchors, so that our resolution was to go to *Pulo Lankeui*, where they must of force stay, if they would goe for *Mallacca*, that so we might set vpon them in the maine Sea. The twentith day lying vnder *Lankeui*, sixe miles from *Poulo Bouton*, wee determined to send the white Lyon to *Queda* to see if she might get three or four hundred bales of Pepper there, because at *Dachin* shee should finde lading enough to serue her turne: But they could get nothing in *Queda*: For when they begin to gather the new Pepper, the old is gone, which is worth foure and twenty ryalls in *Cosgie*, and in *Ihor*, and so went to the rest of our ships againe, lying vnder *Pulo Lankeui*, to watch for the Portingales.

The nine and twentith day the King of *Queda* (after that I burnt the Portugales shippes in his Riuer)

Riuer) caused twenty Portugales to bee kild, thinking so to doe mee a great pleasure therein, because I had sent him word that hee should shew some signes by his actions, that I might conceiue him to be my good friend. Your Worshippes may iudge hereby what affection hee beareth vnto the Portugales: From thence there is nothing to bee brought away but Pepper and victuals, whereby those of *Mallacca* are sustained: this people alwaies hold with the stronger part. In the deliuering of the Portingale prisoners vnto the Vice roy before *Mallacca*, I had like to haue bene betrayed, for whereas I was so liberal that I gaue a hundred and seauenty Portingales, and as many Moores, for fiue or sixe of my men which they had (but I reserued the Captaines and three or foure more for to get the three thousand ducats afore-said) I sent a note by a Portingale on shoare, to will the Vice-roy to send mee my men, and I would send him all his soldiers hole and disseased, which if hee refused and held mee in suspence, I said I would cast all the Portingales ouerboord, he returned with a note, whereby the Vice-roy willed me to send him the Portingales, & sent me a bill of all their names both soldiers & Captaines & all others that were in my hands, & when my messeger shewed me that the prisoners were in danger of their liues; *Andrew Hurtado* made answer let him kill them, the rest will fight better an other time, which whē I vnderstood, I returned the messenger presently againe with this answer that

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if in the morning before Sunne rising hee did not send mee all my Dutch-men I would kill all the Portingales; for I perceiued that the Viceroy delaid mee off; hee returning brought with him three Dutch-men, for there were no more in the towne, the rest were in the *Armado* at *Poulo Bouton*: which hee promised to send, meane time I had call'd a Councell togither, and my white flagge hung out, and certainly if hee had staid but two houres longer, these hundred and seauenty Portingales had beene cast ouer-boord, for a warning vnto them, not to mocke with vs another time, for when they haue their desires, they scoffe at vs, and esteeme vs to bee men that know not the course of the world, and that dare not (because of the reuerence wee beare vnto them) offend them any-way, and thus the boast before the *Indian* Princes.

I thought to haue sent a letter to the Viceroy, but deferr'd it for certaine causes, vntill some fitter time, to let him vnderstand that wee intended to make warre-like soldiers, and that if hee would deale hardlyer with my men that hee should take, then I had hetherto done with his, hee would find himselfe greatly deceiued, and that if he thought to stoppe my mouth with the Inquisition and such like masquerados, and so keepe and consume my men in his country, saying that hee could doe nothing against th'Inquisition, I and those that shal come after mee to the *Indies*, would make warre against

against th'Inquisition, and cast all their shaueling Fryers ouer-boord, which would concerne the Inquisition and not him. May it therefore please the States to take such order that these fellowes may no longer terrifie vs with their vizards: And thus much I caused to bee sayd vnto the Viceroy him-selfe by the Captaines that were prisoners.

Meane time I sent a *Praw* from *Queda* to *Pulo Lankeui* with one of my men in it, to see whether the enemie lay still at *Poulo-bouton*, who returned answer the nine and twentith day, that they were yet there, and brought two boyes prisoners with him, that tolde mee that they had sent a *Galliot* to *Mallacca* to haue aduise from the *Viceroy*, to know what they should do, whither they shold returne to the *Indies* or to *Mallacca*, for they durst not leaue their aduantage, without command: they said also, that when I thought to haue set on them with the fire-shippe and shotte vppon them, that twenty men were kild in the Admirall, seauen in *Iohn Rintos* shippe, and eight in *Iacomo de Marara* his cousins shippe wherein they went, but what was done in the other shippes they knew not.

I perceiuing that there was no lading at *Queda*, and that the enemy would not leaue his place of aduantage, and that my time drew neere to go to the *Moluccques*, durst not stay any longer, for

*Amboine* was of force to be fortified, whilst *Ternate* was taken in by those of *Manilles*, where the Gouernor *Don Pedro de Sousa* with a thousand two hundred *Spaniards* and eight hundred *Indians* was come, and had taken the King prisoner.

Therefore wee concluded, that the *Vice-admirall* with the *White Lyon*, and the great *Sunne*, should goe for *Achin*, to see if they by any meanes could make the like agreement with the King, as wee had made with the King of *Ihor*, and to giue the *White Lion* her full lading, and so send her homeward, as also for to take in his owne lading if hee might, if not to goe presently for *Bantam*, and there to take in their lading, and so to returne home-ward, if hee could bee ready against the last of February, or the middle of March at the furthest, and to send the great *Sunne* to the coastes of *Cormandel*, but first to saile by *Puncto de Galli* vnder *Celon*, and there to trafficke and stay vntill the last of February, looking for the shippes of *Bengale*, and other places, which at that very time came from *Couchien*, and then were to goe towards *Masoliputan*, hoping that they shall finde trafficke enough; for *Paulus van Sold*, beeing in the Shippe called *Delfte*, hath (as I vnderstood of the *Portugales* that were taken before *Queda*) gotten three hundred bales of Cotten, linnen painted, and also some Pintados.

I intended to goe the inner waye to *Bantam*

with sixe Ships, to see if I can make agreement also with the King, and from thence to take our voyage towards *Amboyna* and the *Molucques*, for *Amboyna* must necessarily bee fortified, and wee must trie once againe to get the *Molucques*. Those of *Banda* play the beasts: some resolution or other must bee taken, for our men with their goods, that are there not assured of their liues, and the goods of the company are much endangered. From thence we will make towards *China*, and trye what we can doe there.

In the boate which I tooke before *Malacca* vpon the three and twentith of October, I had seuen and thirtie bales, most part linnen cloath, and some *Spanish* Lether, whereof seauen I sent by the same boate to *Amboyna*, with foure thousand ryals, foure and forty men, and forty *Negros*, and the halfe part of his lading of Rice, that was spoyled: and to goe to *Maraza* to buy good Rise, Flesh, and some Pintados or Cotton, Painted cloath, for to carry to *Amboina*, and to tell them that I would follow after them in the end of December: The other seuenteene Bales I gaue to our Saylers for a prize, with a Bale of thred, to make them the more willinger and readier to fight, for that they had gotten but little boorie. I hope we shall finde lading at *Amboina* and *Banda*, for the Pintados or Cotton cloath of *Pauwels van Sold*, shall no doubt haue prepared some-thing for vs.

I perceiue full well that wee ſhall haue long worke to doe about the *Moluccques*, and that the time will fall our too ſhort for vs to goe to *Mouſon* in *China*; but time will teach vs what is to bee done: if wee aſſure not *Amboina*, all our labour is in vaine, it is alſo againſt my opinion that the *Spaniard* ſhould come thether.

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Your worſhips may hereby perceiue, how wee haue behaued our ſelues theſe nine moneths here in the Straights, ſome-time fortunately, and ſome-time croſſely, but alwayes haue done the beſt we could, following your worſhips councell. I neuer wanted will nor courage to doe any ſeruice for my countrie, and though I haue not done as I would or deſired, yet I haue performed what I could, as it is manifeſt by the premiſes. I comfort my ſelfe with this ſaying: That it is enough in great matters to will well, the Tree falls not at the firſt blow:

if I could haue ouer-throwne thoſe ſeauen ſhippes that lay ſtill at *Paulo Bouton*, our time had beene well ſpent, but wee thought it not expedient to ſpend all our powder and munition. Wee haue yet a long iourney to make, wee muſt not bee too prodigall: I haue written my whole minde to the generall companie, what meanes there are to beginne warre againe.

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